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Nixon's Book Reveals Worry, Drudgery

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WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP) — Four days before the 1960 Republican Convention Richard M. Nixon suggested to Nelson A. Rockefeller that he take second place on the ticket—and there's a hint that Nixon thinks the GOP may have lost the election when Rockefeller said no.

Nixon tells about it in his new book, "Six Crises," which is to be published soon (by Doubleday, at $5.95).

It all took place at their famous secret meeting in New York City. Nixon says he told Rockefeller that his name would strengthen the ticket, and that even if the Nixon-Rockefeller team lost, it would leave the New York Governor in line for the 1964 Republican presidential nomination.

Wanted No Part

But Rockefeller wanted no part of the deal.

Nixon puts it this way:

"He said that he simply did not want to be vice president and therefore could not put his heart into the campaign if he were to be selected as the candidate. At this point we dropped the subject entirely . . ."

Nixon insists his suggestion can't be looked upon as an offer, but there can be no doubt but that he has taken a long look at the consequences of the rejection.

Nixon details these six crises in his political life:

The Hiss case, which gave him national prominence as a freshman congressman.

The blowup in 1952 over political funds raised by his friends.

President Eisenhower's heart attack, in which "my problem was to provide leadership without appearing to lead," or "how to walk on eggs without breaking them."

Nixon's goodwill visit to Caracas when he was both stoned and spat upon.

His tour of Russia and the kitchen debate with Nikita Khrushchev.

The presidential campaign of 1960.

Since each of Nixon's crises was extensively reported at the time, he doesn't have much that is startlingly new. But he does have some interesting sidelights that were either unknown or overlooked at the time, plus occasional comments that offer fresh insights into Richard M. Nixon.

Nixon Looked Bad

—In that first TV debate with Kennedy Nixon looked so bad his mother called up to see if he felt all right. Nixon says he felt great, but that he looked terrible because he had lost 10 pounds without knowing it.

—Nixon claims he got mad at Kennedy only once during the campaign: when Kennedy said this country should take a firmer stand against Cuba. Nixon says Kennedy had been briefed that the CIA was helping train troops to invade Cuba.

"I thought that Kennedy, with full knowledge of the facts, was jeopardizing the security of a foreign policy operation," Nixon says.

Kennedy Denies Knowing Of Plan

WASHINGTON, March 20 (UPI) — The White House and Allen W. Dulles today denied former Vice President Richard M. Nixon's statement that President Kennedy was told during the 1960 election campaign about U. S. plans to support an invasion of Cuba.

Both White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger, obviously speaking with the President's approval, and Dulles, former CIA chief, suggested that Nixon's statement grew out of a "misunderstanding."

The White House said Kennedy was not informed about the proposed invasion until a month after he had spoken out —and after he had been elected. Then, it said, he was told by Dulles and another CIA official about the planned invasion attempt.

Dulles corobborated the White House version in a statement released through the CIA.

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Of Public

"And my rage was greater because I could do nothing about it."

Nixon says he had been the chief administration advocate of a tough stand against Castro's Cuba. But when Kennedy said, let's be rough, Nixon claims this forced him to take a softer line; in effect, say publicly something entirely different from what he had been saying, and pushing for, privately.